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The Elba Clipper

Elba area residents ring in Y2K

by Linda Hodge, Staff Writer

In an event like none before, the City of Elba rang in the new year, century and millennium last Friday night with a New Year's celebration on the historic downtown square.

"This was a big event because we were going from one century and millennium to another," said Kaye Whitworth, executive director of the Elba Chamber of Commerce. "We wanted to plan a celebration so the people of Elba could enjoy this unusual event together."

Almost immediately after the conclusion of the annual Christmas festival, a planning committee was formed for the New Year's Celebration.

"I want to thank the members of this committee," said Whitworth. "We didn't have a lot of time to plan the event, but everyone did their part and it came together as a great success."

Whitworth said not only was the celebration a success.

"The evening ended with a spectacular 30-45 minute fireworks show provided by The National Security Group in honor of Jack R. Brunson's retirement.

"It was a great ending for a new beginning," Whitworth said. "To see everyone enjoy the evening so much made it worth all the hard work."

She said there were so many people who contributed to the celebration that it was impossible to name them all. Without these people and organizations, Whitworth said the event would not have been possible.

She expressed thanks to Ken English for making the countdown ball, The Peoples Bank for donating the "Countdown at the Courthouse" balloons, and especially to the City of Elba and Electric Department who work so diligently to make sure everything worked smoothly throughout the evening.

"The city and electric department were so willing to work with us on the things we wanted to do," Whitworth said. "We could never thank them enough for all the help they gave us."

As for the future of New Year's celebrations in the City of Elba, Whitworth said it is possible that the chamber will sponsor the dropping of the ball each New Year's Eve to ring in the new year here in Elba, but she would have to talk with city officials before making a definite decision.

She has only received good remarks about the celebration," Whitworth said. "Quite simply, we could not have asked for or expected a better night."

EMA reports Y2K roll-over causes no problems locally or statewide

by Marvin McIlwain, Editor

The new year Y2K rolled over in Alabama with state and local officials reporting no problems.

Officials with the Alabama Emergency Management Agency (AEMA) have received no reports of any Y2K related problems during the new year began at 12:00 a.m. central standard time. State EMA officials worked with emergency coordinators throughout the day and night monitoring information sources as the new year rolled overseas and into the eastern time zone.

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Locally, John Tallas, director of Coffee County's Emergency Management Agency, manned the EMA office in New Brockton through the new year roll over and reported no Y2K difficulties occurred in the county or area towns and cities.

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GUEST EDITORIAL

Julian Bryan Taylor Veterinary Diagnostic Lab offers many services

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Well the world survived the Y2K hype, much to the disappointment of many. Of course, before daylight on New Year's Day, these same doomsday folks were hedging their bets by saying the world really wouldn't collapse until Monday morning when the banks and other financial markets started trying to do business. When they did, it was business as usual in the world; they had decided it might take several weeks or months for the world to collapse. Now you can watch for them to say oops, the dates were wrong and it will be at the first of the year 2001, which is really the new millennium. It is regretful that so many folks got disappointed, but more regretful that their outlook on life is focused on the gloom and not on enjoying what God has given us.

Actually we did have some concerns about major problems relating to the turning of the new year. However, our concerns were about the nuts who might select that time to disrupt society for attention or whatever by exploding bombs, etc. Thank goodness these fears were also groundless and unnecessary.

The question was asked Monday morning, "what a person should do today to improve his or her business practices, etc." But it did start the brain ticking on the subject. Probably the best New Year's resolution any of us could make would be to stay in a constant mode of self improvement and fine tuning our habits, both business and personal, year round. Making little adjustments, one at the time, would better suit the conservative nature of the South and should have a better chance of surviving the initial good intentions of soon forgotten New Year's resolutions.

During the holiday season, our cup runneth over! So-o-o-o many of the good cooks in Elba allowed us the privilege of tasting the delightful goodies from their kitchen. Some left holiday treats on the desk when we were out wandering around town, others placed their samples in our grubby hands with a smile. All were appreciated. We are very lucky to live among such talented and giving people. May God bless each of you richly!

The millennium ball was dropped in Elba as well as in New York. Maybe the one here wasn't as big as the Yankees one, and there were fewer people and TV cameras watching, but the excitement flowing through the crowd was undoubtedly just as strong. Normally you could find us fast asleep at midnight on New Year's Eve, but this time we were羞ed into staying up, joining the festivities, etc. Of course that meant we found a spread of food to occupy part of our time building up to midnight, but the crowd excitement was also infectious.

We continue to get questions about the proposed new Elba post office. There was a news announcement in mid-December concerning a selected location and a statement about posting the decision in the local post office and giving people 30 days to respond. As of Tuesday, January 4th, that announcement had taken place and postal officials say no one has told them to do anything. We made a phone call to the postal service office from Atlanta who has been making these decisions and promises. The answering machine promised he would return the call in a few minutes. How few we don't know, because the phone went unanswered after this project, here it is: Vice President Facilities, Facilities Service Office, Bldg 300 - Suite 300, 4000 Dekab Technology Parkway, Atlanta, GA 30340-2799. Attention Jerry G. Pfleim. Another promise is that of a response.

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It is very important that the animal be brought to the lab as soon after death as possible. If the animal cannot be brought to the lab immediately, the carcass should be cooled. Small animals can be cooled in a cooler or refrigerator. Large animals are difficult to cool and should be brought to the lab quickly. A walk-in cooler is available behind the lab and is open at all times. Animals can be placed in this cooler after hours and on weekends and holidays. While cooling the animal is very important, it is also important that the animal not be frozen. Freezing and thawing can interfere with some test procedures.

If more than one animal dies, it is often useful to examine several of the animals.

Be prepared to give a history of the animal including feeding, training, type, annual care, sick vaccination, etc. History of diseases previously found on the farm and any signs of sickness that were seen before the animal died.

A large number of the cases brought to the lab are chickens from

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The laboratory is open from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday and can be reached at (334) 897-6340. We offer our services to help local producers in any way possible. By rapidly identifying diseases and controlling outbreaks, our region can enjoy more profitable livestock and poultry production.

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time should be approximately the same, if not better, as it was with the rescue squad. He also pointed out that Coffee County EMS will be providing ALS (Advance Life Support) service while the rescue squad was providing on BLS (Basic Life Support) service.

After a short discussion, the council voted unanimously to enter into the proposed nine-month contract with Coffee County EMS providing the county \$1,000 per month supplement. The Coffee County Commission meets Monday, Jan. 10, 2000.

At the present time, EMS is providing emergency medical service to the New Brockton area as much as their present resources allow them to do.

Turning to other matters of business, Mayor Lee commented that this month's bills were unusually high - \$148,945.64 - due to having to pay off the \$100,000 note for the paving of the town's streets. He also told council members that a check in the amount of \$95,000 had been received from the state for the paving project.

Jerry Gibert, acting police chief, reported that officers investigated twenty-six complaints, made three arrests, investigated

three traffic accidents, and issued forty traffic citations. He noted that the fire department responded to 4 fires and animal control officers picked up six stray dogs.

"We're doing this for your safety and not for any other reason," he said.

McMonagle serves as liaison between the police department and town council. Finally, Mayor Lee encourages all the citizens of New Brockton to come by city hall and fill out forms that will be helpful in qualifying the town's receipt to receive more grant monies from the state and federal governments.

Other actions taken by the council were as follows:

• Approved part-time help for the city clerk to help with the census and to get ready for the election this year. The part-time help consists of 20 hours per week until further notice.

Better laws & enforcement key to reducing drunk driving

Better Laws, Enforcement Key To Reducing Drunk Driving By 39 Percent Since 1984

Although the number of licensed drivers on our nation's roads has increased by 15 percent over the past decade, the number of arrests for drunk driving dropped by almost 18 percent, according to a new report issued by the Justice Department's Bureau of Justice Statistics.

Traffic safety experts believe two of the main reasons for this drop in drunk driving arrests include improving public attitudes toward drunk driving and use of designated drivers. At the other end of the spectrum, authorities credit better laws which target hard core drinkers and those who nonetheless are responsible for nearly 80 percent of all alcohol-related traffic fatalities nationally.

As a result, today many policy leaders are focusing on hard core drunk drivers. They were first identified as a target for policy efforts in 1991 in a landmark study. The Hard Core Drinking Driver, produced by the Traffic Injury Research Foundation (TIRF), this study described the characteristics of hard core drinking drivers and shared perspective on methods to more effectively deal with these problem drivers. The study was sponsored by Anheuser-Busch.

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states have considered drunk driving legislation specifically targeting the hard core. In fact, over the past year alone, nearly 300 bills have been introduced in legislatures to address the hard core drinking driver.

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"From our standpoint, the best drunk driving legislation targets the most offenders, provides those in the judiciary with the tools they need to match the penalty to the specific offense, and utilizes proven methods—like alcohol ignition interlock devices—to ensure that repeat offenders don't continue to pose a risk to themselves and others."

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drunk driving legislation targets the most offenders, provides those in the judiciary with the tools they need to match the penalty to the specific offense, and utilizes proven methods—like alcohol ignition interlock devices—to ensure that repeat offenders don't continue to pose a risk to themselves and others."

For those interested in learning

more about proven methods to deal with drunk drivers, Anheuser-Busch provided funding for a series of educational brochures produced by TIRF. To obtain a free copy of the brochure, call 1-800-DIAL-BUD.

Since then, legislatures in many

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Scripture: Romans 10:20

***Thinking of you, praying for you (Pray for me). The Flowers family, Hannah Coleman, Mary B. Belcher, Johnnie Yelverton, Johnnie M. Daniels, Mary Alice Blue, Pearlie Tillis, Maggie Head, Dianne Coleman, Mozelle McCormick, W.H. Caldwell, Rev. Henry Ewing Jr., Rev. Charles Lane.

Jan. 2, Tallman Lindsey - Jan. 14 (In Memory)

***The adjourned session of the Mulberry Baptist District Association will be held Saturday, Jan. 14, at the Educational Building, Elba, at 10 a.m. All pastors and delegates are asked to be present. Each church is asked to enroll with \$50. All elected officers of all auxiliaries and the parent body for the Year 2000 will be installed during the session beginning at 11 a.m.

***An Area Wide Council for Christ will be held Jan. 15-16 at 7 p.m. nightly at the Country Cathedral, Hwy. 84 East, Opp, Ala.

Speakers will be Steve Pettin (Monday - Wednesday), Jesse Hobbs (Thursday & Friday), and Martin Houston (Saturday). There will be a morning service Monday - Friday at 10 a.m. with Bro. "Cal" Ramey as the speaker. Special music each night with Daryl Luster. Celebration, Nazareth Baptist Church Choir and New Beginnings Choir. There also will be special youth services each night at 7 p.m. with guest speakers to include Bobby Sullivan (Monday - Wednesday) and Martin Houston (Thursday - Saturday). This event is sponsored by the Area Wide Ministers. For further information, call Monroe Sasser at (334) 493-4354, or call Charles Dyess at (334) 493-7413.

***Mt. Zion First Baptist Church and Pastor W.O. Edwards welcome you to the Annual New Year's Revival, Jan. 3 - 7, 2000, at 7 p.m. nightly. The speaker for the week: Pastor P.L. Carter, Jordan Grover of Saughton, AL. Benevolent Grove of Needmore, Ala.

***Milton "Milt" Edward Belcher**

Milton "Milt" Edward Belcher was born in Elba in 1948 to Grover and Erria Mae Lindsey Belcher. Belcher spent many years working to overcome the oppressions he was born into and move from the life of a small town country boy. His goal was to experience the advantages offered by city life. He graduated Elba High School in 1964 and attended Tuskegee Institute where he graduated in 1970 with a BS degree in political science. Belcher attended law school at the University of Kentucky before being inducted into the Army. His Army obligation ended in 1974, and he transferred to the University of Alabama, graduating from law school there in 1976.

After law school, Belcher came to Montgomery through an appointment as an assistant attorney general. He was appointed soon thereafter to the Alabama Conference to be held at First Baptist Church in Enterprise

served as director Field Staff, in the Church Growth and Association Evangelism Department of the Home Mission Board in Atlanta.

Registration fee is \$25.00 per person, fees must accompany registration. For registration, call 894-6411. This conference is opened to all women in our church. Instead of being thankful, we start complaining. It's a process that occurs so slowly, we don't even realize it's happening. Our attitude has changed from being grateful to ungrateful."

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SCHOOLS



Tiger Band News

EHS Band Holds Annual Christmas Concert

by Emily Qualls
On Tuesday, Dec. 14, the Elba High School Concert Bands held their annual Christmas Concert.

The concert was held in the Elba High School Auditorium beginning at 7 p.m. It began with the Christmas tunes coming from the 5th and 6th grade bands.

After the elementary bands were finished, the EHS Jazz Band played two songs titled "Windy" and "Mellow Yellow."

After the Jazz Band, Drum Major Kimberly Ward and Band Captain Kelvin Burks presented Mr. Ellis and Mrs. Maddox with gift certificates to On Cue from the EHS Concert Band.

A drawing for Christmas Ornament of the town from 1988-1999 was held. Drum Major Kimberly Ward drew the name and ironically her name was drawn.

The concert ended with the EHS Fight Song conducted by Kimberly Ward and Ashley Harrelson.

Co-Op Spotlight

by Natasha Bannin

This week's Co-Op Spotlight is Jessica Welch. Jessica is the 17-year-old daughter of Nathan and Debbie Simmons.

Jessica is employed at Weeks Tire. She helps with bookkeeping, working with computers, and watching Brooke and Bradley. Jessica is also involved in VICA and Sr. Beta.

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Elba Elementary School Menu January 10 - 14, 2000

BREAKFAST

Monday - Cinnamon Toast or Cereal, Applesauce, Juice, Milk
Tuesday - Pancakes w/ Syrup or Cereal, Juice, Milk
Wednesday - Bacon & Biscuit or Cereal, Jelly, Juice, Milk
Thursday - Cheese Sandwich or Cereal, Half Orange, Juice, Milk
Friday - Cheese Grits or Cereal, Toast w/ Jelly, Juice, Milk

LUNCH

Monday - Spaghetti w/ Meat Sauce, Green Salad w/ Crackers, Buttered Carrots, Mixed Fruit, Milk
Tuesday - Cheeseburger, French Fries, Lettuce, Tomato, Dill, Cake, Milk
Wednesday - Chicken Fried Beef Sandwich, Mashed Potatoes w/ Gravy, Field Peas, Potato Slices, Milk
Thursday - Taco Salad, Corn on Cob, Half Apple, Milk
Friday - Pizza, Broccoli w/ Cheese, Whole Kernel Corn, Apple Crisp, Milk

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CITY CLERK

Enrichment Classes Write Letters To Tiger Tales Editor

Mrs. Hagan's Enrichment Class' Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor:

My favorite part about the school is the people. There are many kids in the school. Seven of them are my best friends. They are Katrina, Kimberly, Kristy, Michelle, Amanda, Erin, and Kestia. My favorite teacher is Mrs. Lynn Weeks. She is very giving and considerate. She gives us extra study time. She also lets us watch movies. These are my favorite things at Elba High School. Sincerely,

Samuel

Dear Editor:

My name is Johnathan and I am in the 7th grade. What I like about Elba High School is because of the band. I like the band contests and also the pep rallies. I also like going to lunch because I get to associate with my friends and eat at the same time. I love Elba High School very much.

Sincerely,

Johnathan

Dear Editor:

I'd like to tell you something I like about EHS. I like PE, but I like pep rallies more. I also like walking down the halls just talking to my friends. I like EHS because I am not in EES. Well, that's mostly all I have to say.

Sincerely,

Shantel

Dear Editor:

I like PE and break and I also like the short order line because there are not many people in that line. I like coming to school to see all my friends. I like Mrs. Hagan's class because I like being enriched.

Sincerely,

Ted

Dear Editor:

The thing I like about Elba High School is going to PE. It is a good way to start off the day. Another thing I like about EHS is pep rallies cause we get to get out of class early. Last, but not least, the thing I like is the good tasting food on the short order line.

Sincerely Yours,

Carlos

Dear Editor:

The best part of school to me is break, PE, and history. That is the part of school that I like. Some people might like everything about school.

Sincerely,

Zane

Dear Miss Ward:

I would like to inform the public about Elba High School's faculty. Our teachers are very nice and caring. They are helpful with your problems and questions. They love to help you learn. Dr. Kimmy Weeks is also very caring and helpful. He has the qualities of a teacher, but teaches with jokes. The assistant principal Johnny Dunn is my favorite member of the faculty because he is the nicest and most caring.

Sincerely,

Brandon

Dear Editor:

My name is Allison. I think Elba High School is good because the school building and grounds are clean, the lunches are excellent, and the students and faculty are nice and friendly. We are fortunate to have a new school with modern classrooms. I have visited several schools with my daddy and we have the best around. I feel lucky to be a part of Elba City School system.

Sincerely,

Allison

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Sincerely,

Allison

Dear Editor:

I would like to take a minute out of your time and tell you something about Elba High School. First I would like to say that I love band.

The organization that I am describing is the Elba High School Band. We competed this year in three marching contests and fin-

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and you are a great drum major. I love how the teachers laugh with us when we do something funny. They are really sweet and kind. Some of the teachers can have an ill day, but they do not take it out on us. I love the lunchroom food. They are great cooks; my mom is one of them. Those are the things I like about high school.

Sincerely,

Selena

Dear Editor:

The thing I like about EHS is pep rallies because we get to get out of class early. Last, but not least, the thing I like is the good tasting food on the short order line.

Sincerely,

Justin

Dear Cammie:

Hi my name is Amanda and I am a 7th grader. What I like about Elba High School is that we don't have to stay in the same class or have the same teachers the entire year. Two semesters with eight teachers, four per semester is so cool. All your subjects are taught in two semesters.

Sincerely,

Amanda

Dear Editor:

The other thing I like about Elba High School is that we have two lunch lines and everybody doesn't have to eat the same thing. We can have drinks, tea, water and ice at lunch. We can get other stuff out of the vending machines. I mean, not everyone likes to eat or drink the same thing. I don't much like milk. That is what I like about EHS.

Sincerely,

Zane

Dear Miss Ward:

What I like about Elba High School is that they have snack machines for us at snack. I prefer the food choices at lunch. I admire all the nice people.

Sincerely,

Rebekah

Dear Kim:

What I like about Elba High School is that they have snack machines for us at snack. I prefer the food choices at lunch. I admire all the nice people.

Sincerely,

Kimberly

Dear Editor:

I think your school is the best. We have the best teachers. We have the best principal. I've been to a lot of schools and these things will always make Elba High School the best one around. The teachers try to bring out the best in us and they will help any one at any time. The principal will take time out with you about any troubles you are having in school, at home, or anywhere.

Sincerely,

Neal

Dear Kimberly:

Elba High School is a good school and has lots of activities. These activities are pep rallies, homecoming dance, homecoming coronation, parades, and district contest for the band. What could students ask for? These are good things about Elba High School.

Sincerely,

Marissa, 7th grade clarinet

Dear Editor:

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Sincerely,

Lance

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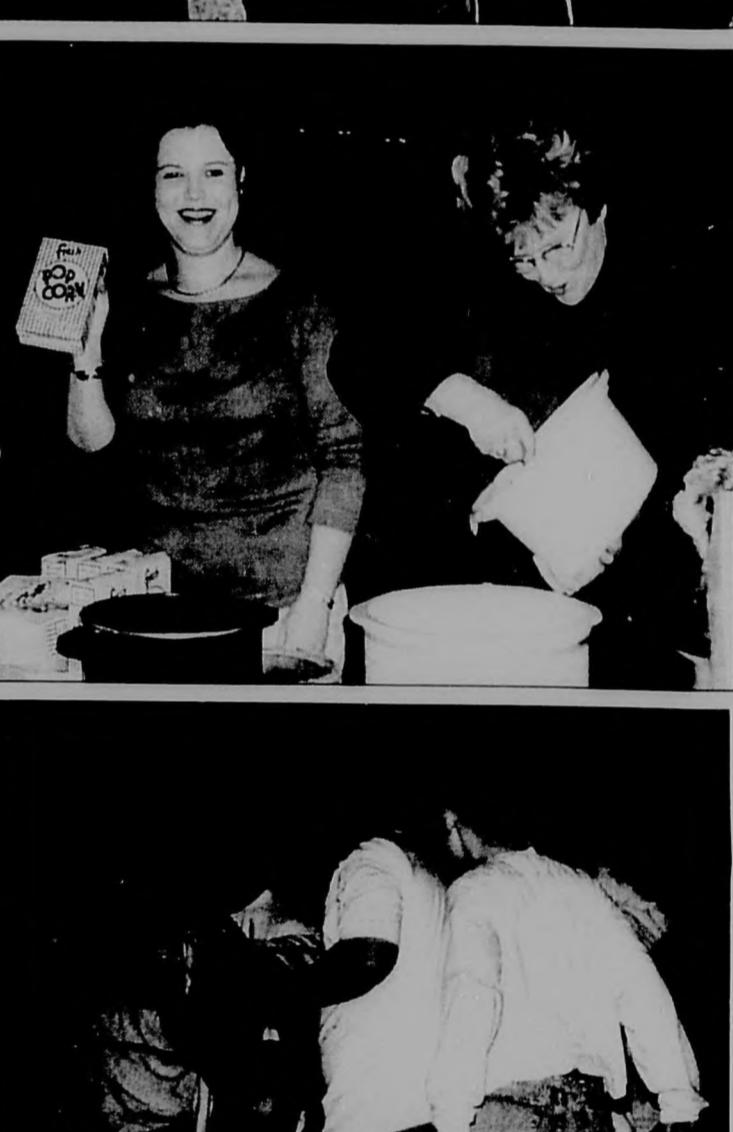
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Best wishes for a Wonderful New Year!!
I love Elba High School. It's a great place. I like my teachers and principals. Mr. Weeks and Mrs. Weeks will let us speak with them if we have a problem.
High school is better than elementary school because you get plastic lunch cards and can get snacks from a snack machine.
Sincerely,
Philip

Dear Cammie,

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Lance

SPORTS

Views from....

THE PRESSBOX

By Ricky Mularz, Sports Editor

Another Christmas has come and gone, and for once we actually got everything put together and working in just a matter of days. This year the biggest battle came from our Nitro video system, which whopped Mom, Dad, Uncle Ron and a friend before we decided to call up the 800 number and get some help. The lady on the other end of the phone walked Mom through each step slowly, but surely, and in only a matter of minutes the game that had threatened to whip us all was working like a charm. Hey, I guess those numbers really do work!

DUSTING OFF THE SPORTS DESK ...

*** The Elba Tigers won last week's Red Level Holiday Basketball Tournament, and claimed big wins over T.R. Miller, Flora and Red Level in the process. The Tigers were under the direction of coaches Frank Phillips and Jamie Corbit in the tourney, and the coaching by committee obviously worked as the Tigers won three games and took home their second-place championship of the season. Elba unveiled a new high-pointing team event by upsetting the previously undefeated Geneva County Bulldogs 53-46, but then were eliminated in the second round as they were defeated by the Randolph-Clay Devils 64-44.

Following are tournament highlights of both games:

NEW BROCKTON 53 GENEVA COUNTY 46

The New Brockton Gamecocks and Geneva County Gamecocks tangled in the opening round of the tournament on Monday afternoon, with the Gamecocks coming away with an exciting 53-46 win, in a battle of two of the state's "Top 10" Class A powers.

Geneva County took command at the opening tip and faced out to a 16-5 lead late in the first quarter, only to see New Brockton settle down early in the second stanza and chop the Bulldog lead to 16-14.

The Gamecocks trailed 26-22 at the end of the first, but pulled back in the third quarter, but then were outscored 25-12 late in the third quarter after baskets by Kellen Cole and Adrian Grimes. However, Randolph-Clay closed the stanza with three-pointers, and the Gamecocks had five of their free-throw opportunities after the Red Devils moved on top 18-8.

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New Brockton trailed 30-14 with 3:36 left in the half as the Devils closed on their fifth three-pointing lead. The Gamecocks closed the half with a three-pointer by Kellen Cole, and caught the Bulldogs at 33-33 with Kellen Cole driving in for an easy basket.

Kellen Cole gave New Brockton its first lead of the game at 35-33 on a short jumper with 2:23 remaining, and the two 2A powers swapped baskets for the rest of the quarter, as the teams entered the final stanza decked out at 37-37.

Geneva County pulled out to a 43-39 lead with 3:13 remaining after New Brockton misfired on 3 of 4 free-throw opportunities, but the Gamecocks' Kellen Cole hit four straight free-throws over an 11-second stretch.

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NEW BROCKTON 44

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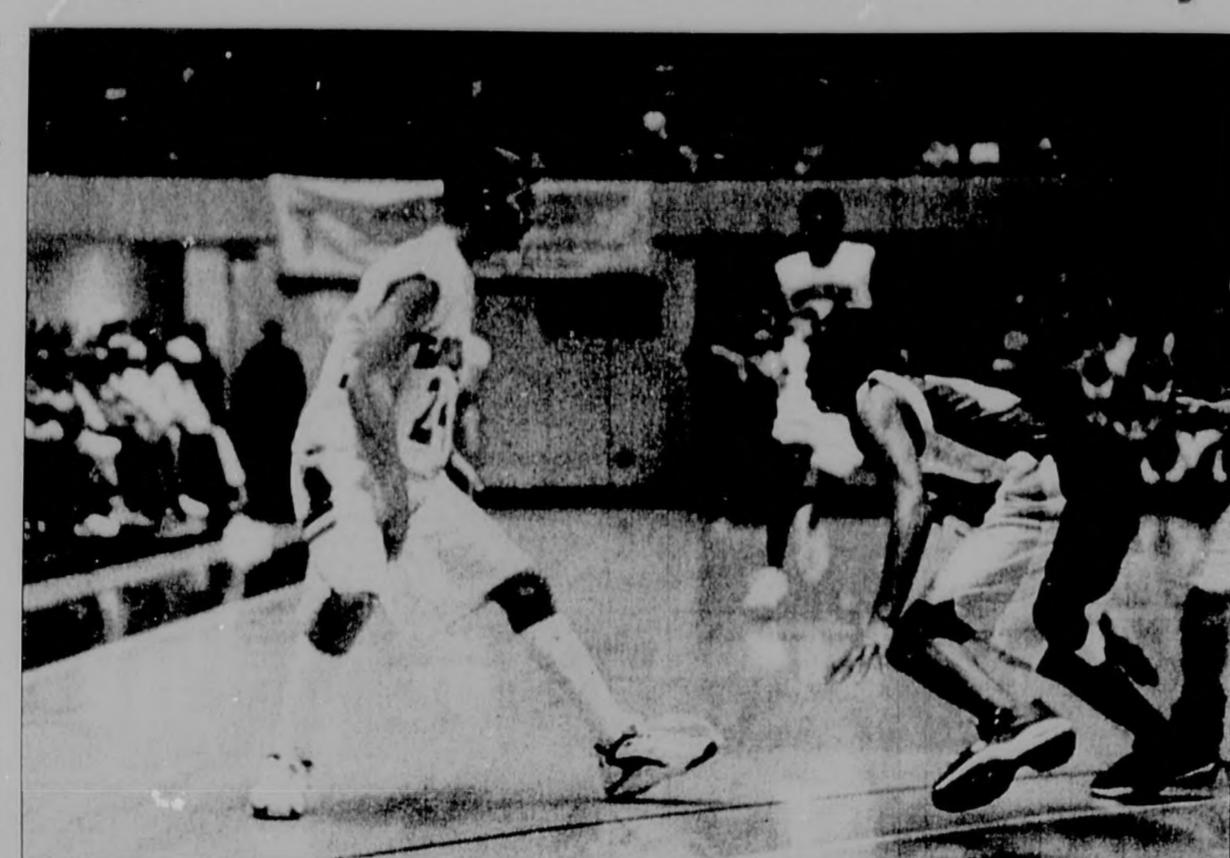
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Surprises previously unbeaten Geneva County

New Brockton grabs one win in Dothan tourney



New Brockton's Josh Lewis (in white) prepares to drive past a Geneva County defender in last week's Gamecock win in the Dothan Progress/Dothan Eagle Prep Holiday Classic. The Gamecocks claimed one win and one loss in the annual high school tournament.

The Gamecocks started out to put New Brockton away quickly, but pulled back in the third quarter, but then were outscored 25-12 late in the third quarter after baskets by Kellen Cole and Adrian Grimes. However,

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New Brockton's Adrian Grimes (40) fights for position against a Geneva County defender. Grimes overcame a foot injury in the opening round win over the Bulldogs to score 10 points and grab 9 rebounds in a second round game against Randolph-Clay. The Gamecocks own an 11-3 record.

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SPORTS

Tigers post three wins to grab title in Red Level Holiday Tournament



Elba Tigers....show off championship trophy after winning last week's second annual Red Level Holiday Basketball Tournament. The Tigers won three games in the tournament to improve their record on the season to 9-2.

The Elba Tigers competed in the second annual Red Level Holiday Basketball Tournament, last weekend, at Red Level High School, and claimed three exciting wins to bring home the tournament championship.

Red Level placed second in the eight-team event, followed in order by Flora and W.S. Neal. Also taking part in the tournament were T.R. Miller, Opp, Georgiana and Flomaton.

The Tigers, led by tournament "Most Valuable Player" Wayne Reed, opened the event with an impressive 70-55 win over T.R. Miller, then easily past Flora 60-53, in overtime, in the semifinal round. Elba captured the championship by defeating Red Level 65-60, in the tournament finals.

Reed, a 6-4, senior, scored a total of 61 points in the three wins, and hit four three-pointers in the Tigers' narrow win over Red Level, in the finals.

Also named to the "All-Tournament" team for the Tigers were Tim Ware and Monroe Williams. Ware, a

6-6, senior, poured in a total of 65 points in the three wins. Williams, a 6-4, senior, scored 29 points in Elba's

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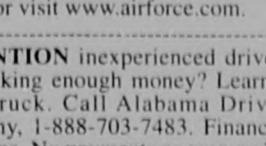
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Thursday - Chicken & Biscuit, Jelly, Cereal, Juice, Milk	Thursday - Steak Nuggets, Grilled Chicken, Potato, Creamed Potatoes, Green Beans, Fruit Cocktail, Rolls, Milk
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LATE OBITUARY

CATHERINE STOAVL
Ms. Catherine Stovall, age 91, of Elba died Jan. 4, 2000 at the Elba

Nursing Home.
At press time, funeral arrangements were incomplete but will be announced by Coleman Funeral Home.

Area students on Dean's List at LBW College

Lee Alan English of Elba was among 52 students named to the Dean's List at LBW College for the

1999 Fall Semester. To qualify for the Dean's List, English attended the semester with a full-time course load and posted a 3.50-3.99 grade point average.

Coffee on the Keyboard

Basic Computer Tips and Ideas for RAW Beginners

by Kenda Coffee Editor Opening Page



There is a great feature in Word that automatically numbers lists of things.

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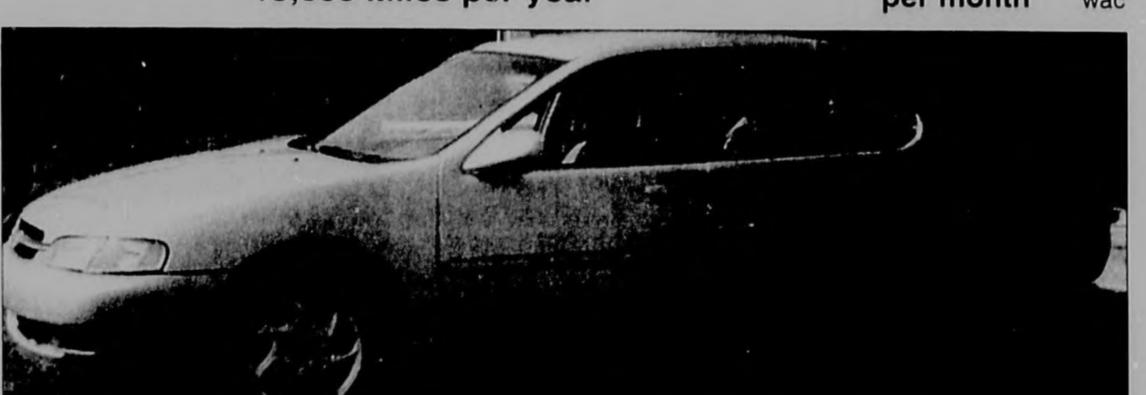
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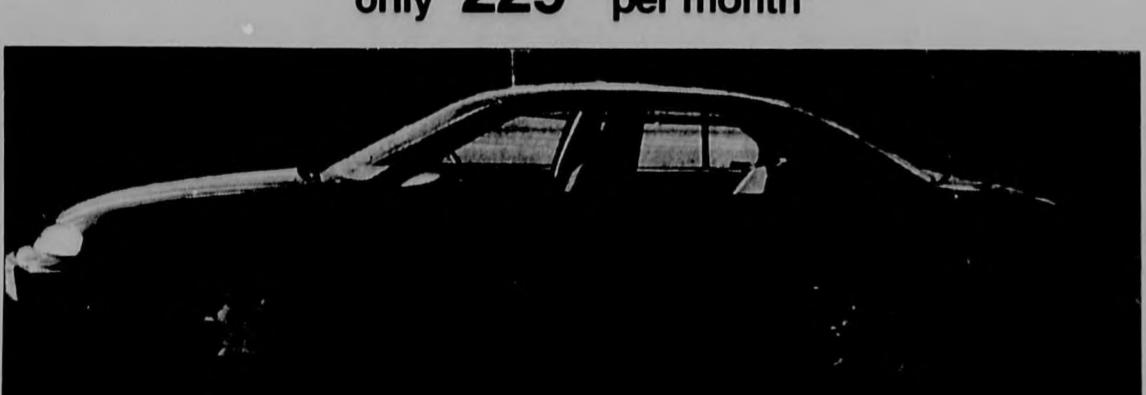
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Elba resident voices opposition to proposed location of new post office

by Ferrin Cox, Publisher

The Elba City Council meeting was business as usual Monday evening until Judy Anthony addressed the city fathers concerning the proposed location of the new Elba post office.

Acknowledging that officially the area is not in a flood zone, she pointed out that it was flooded in 1990 and 1998.

Addressing the drainage problem, she noted that water off the hill already gets into an embankment at low level and without addressing the problem she fears the situation will get worse with the new construction and parking lot paving.

"I am not against a new Post Office, I just don't want it on Claxton Avenue," Judy Anthony

said.

Anthony was strongly opposed to the Claxton Street location, listing increased traffic congestion, being in a flood zone and the already inadequate drainage ditch which runs behind the post office.

Councilman John W. Sharpless, who also owns the property being considered, said, "The city council has not been asked anything about the location yet."

Mayor Grimes confirmed that said he had personally presented all of the sites offered to the postal

officials, drove around with them and pointed out each site. They made their own decision without any city officials being involved.

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The mayor and council agreed that the Mayor should look into some promised additional funding for this position.

The city council approved three housekeeping resolutions. One was to make official the name of the engineering firm to handle the engineering services for the addition to the CDBG disaster recovery grant.

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for these past 24 years. Ellis again looked off into space and explained he had been heavily influenced by the late Judge Eris Paul, "He was my mentor before entering politics and until he died."

He said Judge Paul counseled him on getting into politics, on life and in operating this office. "I still remember him telling me that life is not about things and possessions but about relationships with people and making sure to treat each individual with dignity and respect and to provide service with courtesy and a smile."

The current term of the office will not expire until January 2001, which means that according to the Alabama Constitution, the three sitting Circuit Judges of the 12th judicial Circuit will have the responsibility of appointing a replacement to finish out the term of office.

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